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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim [[14]] 3, wherein said journaling portion is provided in parallel with the opening.
3. (Currently Amended) ~~The container according to claim 14.~~ A container comprising:
a container body comprising an opening and a vertical wall formed along an edge of
said opening; and
a lid body that can open and close the opening of said container body and includes a
lid portion,
said container body comprising a journaling portion that supports said lid body
rotatably around an axis orthogonal to an opening surface of said opening,
said lid body comprising a journaled portion that is journaled by said journaling
portion, wherein said lid body rotates around said journaling portion to allow said lid portion
to move to a position for covering the opening and a position for exposing the opening, and
when said lid portion is in the position for covering the opening, a part of said lid body is
placed along a part of the vertical wall of the container body; and
an annular recess formed on an inner peripheral surface of said journaled portion that
engages a protruding portion formed on said journaling portion, wherein said journaled
portion rotatably engages said journaling portion.

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wherein said lid body comprises a noncircular shape when viewed from a direction orthogonal to the opening surface.

4. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 3, wherein said noncircular shape comprises a circular portion integrally formed with a tapered sharp portion.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~The container according to claim 14,~~ A container comprising:
a container body comprising an opening and a vertical wall formed along an edge of
said opening; and

a lid body that can open and close the opening of said container body and includes a
lid portion,

said container body comprising a journaling portion that supports said lid body
rotatably around an axis orthogonal to an opening surface of said opening,

said lid body comprising a journaled portion that is journaled by said journaling
portion, wherein said lid body rotates around said journaling portion to allow said lid portion
to move to a position for covering the opening and a position for exposing the opening, and
when said lid portion is in the position for covering the opening, a part of said lid body is
placed along a part of the vertical wall of the container body; and

an annular recess formed on an inner peripheral surface of said journaled portion that
engages a protruding portion formed on said journaling portion, wherein said journaled
portion rotatably engages said journaling portion,

wherein said lid body is lockably connected to said vertical wall.

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6. (Currently Amended) ~~The container according to claim 14, further comprising~~ A container comprising:

a container body comprising an opening and a vertical wall formed along an edge of said opening; and

a lid body that can open and close the opening of said container body and includes a lid portion.

said container body comprising a journaling portion that supports said lid body rotatably around an axis orthogonal to an opening surface of said opening,

said lid body comprising a journaled portion that is journaled by said journaling portion, wherein said lid body rotates around said journaling portion to allow said lid portion to move to a position for covering the opening and a position for exposing the opening, and when said lid portion is in the position for covering the opening, a part of said lid body is placed along a part of the vertical wall of the container body;

an annular recess formed on an inner peripheral surface of said journaled portion that engages a protruding portion formed on said journaling portion, wherein said journaled portion rotatably engages said journaling portion; and

a rotation range controller for controlling a rotation angle of the lid body.

7. (Original) The container according to claim 6, wherein said rotation range controller includes a protrusion provided on one of said journaling portion and said journaled portion, and a notch provided on the other of said journaling portion and said journaled portion.

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8. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 4, wherein said opening is positioned in said tapered sharp portion of said noncircular shape.

9. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 4, wherein said vertical wall is bent along a tip edge of said tapered sharp portion.

10. (Previously Presented) A container comprising:

a container body comprising an opening and a vertical wall formed along an edge of said opening; and

a lid body that can open and close the opening of said container body and includes a lid portion;

said container body comprising a journaling portion that supports said lid body rotatably around an axis orthogonal to an opening surface of said opening;

said lid body comprising a journaled portion that is journaled by said journaling portion, wherein said lid body rotates around said journaling portion to allow said lid portion to move to a position for covering the opening and a position for exposing the opening, and when said lid portion is in the position for covering the opening, a part of said lid body is placed along a part of the vertical wall of the container body,

wherein said lid body comprises a noncircular shape when viewed from a direction orthogonal to the opening surface,

wherein said noncircular shape comprises a circular portion integrally formed with a tapered sharp portion, and

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wherein said vertical wall is bent along a tip edge of said tapered sharp portion, and a locking protrusion is formed on the bent portion of said vertical wall.

11. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 10, wherein said lid body further comprises a locking piece extending from said journaled portion tangentially with respect to said journaled portion.

12. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 11, wherein said locking piece comprises a locked portion formed on a tip of said locking piece so as to be locked with said locking protrusion to lockably connect said lid body to said vertical wall.

13. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 12, wherein said locking piece is placed along a part of said vertical wall.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) ~~The container according to claim 14, further comprising:~~ A container comprising:

a container body comprising an opening and a vertical wall formed along an edge of said opening; and

a lid body that can open and close the opening of said container body and includes a lid portion,

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said container body comprising a journaling portion that supports said lid body rotatably around an axis orthogonal to an opening surface of said opening.

said lid body comprising a journaled portion that is journaled by said journaling portion, wherein said lid body rotates around said journaling portion to allow said lid portion to move to a position for covering the opening and a position for exposing the opening, and when said lid portion is in the position for covering the opening, a part of said lid body is placed along a part of the vertical wall of the container body;

an annular recess formed on an inner peripheral surface of said journaled portion that engages a protruding portion formed on said journaling portion, wherein said journaled portion rotatably engages said journaling portion;

a notch formed in said journaling portion; and

a protrusion protruding radially inward from the inner peripheral surface of said journaled portion, said protrusion placed in said notch of said journaling portion,

wherein said protrusion and said notch interact to control a rotation angle of said lid body.

16. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim [[14]] 3, wherein said lid body and said container are integrally constituted when the lid body is in the position for covering the opening.

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17. (Currently Amended) ~~The container according to claim 14;~~ A container comprising:
a container body comprising an opening and a vertical wall formed along an edge of
said opening; and

a lid body that can open and close the opening of said container body and includes a
lid portion,

said container body comprising a journaling portion that supports said lid body
rotatably around an axis orthogonal to an opening surface of said opening,

said lid body comprising a journaled portion that is journaled by said journaling
portion, wherein said lid body rotates around said journaling portion to allow said lid portion
to move to a position for covering the opening and a position for exposing the opening, and
when said lid portion is in the position for covering the opening, a part of said lid body is
placed along a part of the vertical wall of the container body; and

an annular recess formed on an inner peripheral surface of said journaled portion that
engages a protruding portion formed on said journaling portion, wherein said journaled
portion rotatably engages said journaling portion,

wherein when said lid portion is in the position for covering the opening, said lid body
can only be rotated in a direction in which the part of said lid body along said vertical wall
separates from said vertical wall.